



PRESIDENT CAROL'S WEEKLY THOUGHTS & REPORTS

Greetings Rotarians and Friends

Cluster meeting

This has been a busy week, starting with a Peninsula Cluster meeting on Sunday Morning with all the cluster Presidents present. The meeting was chaired by AG Peter Rawlings, we each introduced ourselves and heard what each club plans were for the year. I reported that one of our main goals this year was to significantly increase member with a focus on more women and a target of 50 members by the end of the year. DG Bill Degnan was present, and he encouraged us all to attend the Rotary Conference next year in February. Ross Kilborn from RC Mornington who is heading up the Peninsula Trail (formerly the Bay Trail) is happy to attend one of our meetings to update on the progress, which would be great. Each Rotary Club will be allocated one rest stop along the trail and will decide on what will be there. The Council has allocated \$500,000 towards the development of the trail. A great start for this exciting project.

Last weeks' Club and Board meetings

Peter R and Bernard presented their thoughts and suggestion on how we can increase our members on Monday evening with the focus on "Each One Bring One."

We held our first Board meeting for the year and importantly received and adopted 2 Policies sent to us by the District. One being the Bullying and Harassment Policy and the other the Grievance Policy. These 2 policies will be sent to all members for their information and will be available on our Website. We also discussed our meeting format for Mondays and will be updating you on Monday evening. We have appointed Wayne Norris as our Public Office and the President Carol Allen as our Grievance officer.

This Monday 2nd August meeting

This Monday we will again be Zooming in as the TMH cannot accommodate us at the hotel however we have an interesting evening planned for you Janet Pugh has organised Peter Aldehoven from Willum Warrain to speak to us. Peter is going to talk about himself and the role of Willum Warrain. He is going to talk about some contemporary local issues such as the recent decision by the Mornington Shire not to dual name Arthur's Seat and issues with the Rosebud Pool (YAWA) naming. If he has time, some other contemporary issues such as the Treaty will be discussed. We will leave plenty of time for questions at the end. I would encourage you all to attend this Monday's meeting.

Women in Rotary

Today the Women in Rotary Group met for an early morning meeting, and we are planning to hold our first event of the year in mid-October hopefully at the Safety Beach Sailing Club for a lunch time talk and lunch. Our aim will be to encourage new members or 'Friend of Rotary' to join our club. We will keep you updated over the next couple of months.

In-between all these meetings I have moved house, unpacked and am settling into my new home in Mt Eliza.

Martin Lowe

We were all saddened to learn of the passing of our esteemed Past President, Prof Martin Lowe. Martin passed away peacefully last week.

Peter Rawlings advised us that "Marty joined our Club back in May 1997 and served as our President in 2010-11. He was our Club President in a District Governor year with a superb conference held in Shepp"11. I was privileged to serve as his President-elect that year. Such a decent and wonderful man and such an energetic Rotarian.

For many years Marty served on our Youth Committee overseeing the Community Youth Awards at Osborne Primary School, and what a tremendous program that was." A card expressing our sympathies has been sent to Sue on behalf of the RCMM

Stay Safe and Well and hopefully we will soon be all meeting back at TMH - President Carol



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

2nd August 2021

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Rotary 4 Way Test
Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and
BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all
concerned?

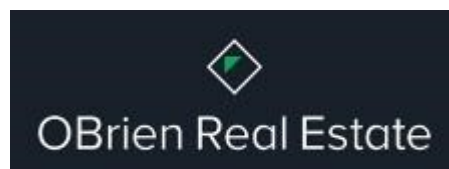
AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP & NEW CLUB DEVELOPMENT MONTH

- Mon 2 Aug **RCMM Club meeting** - Peter Aldenhoven of Willum Warrain
- Mon 9 Aug **RCMM Committee meetings**
- Sat 14 Aug **MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 7**
- Mon 16 Aug **RCMM Club meeting** - Nicole Sandford of SAI Home & Community Services - Golf Day Sponsor
- Mon 23 Aug **RCMM Club meeting** - TBA
- Sat 28 Aug **MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 7**
- Sat 28 Aug **Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 7**
- Mon 30 Aug **RCMM Social meeting** - further details to come from President Carol

SEPTEMBER IS BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

- Mon 6 Sept **RCMM Club meeting** - Julia Murphy Speech Therapist (Children learning to read etc)
- Sat 11 Sept **MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 7**
- Mon 13 Sept **RCMM Committee meetings**
- Mon 20 Sept **RCMM Club meeting** - TBA
- Sat 25 Sept **Bunnings BBQ - see Roster on page 7**
- Sat 25 Sept **MM Sausage Sizzle - see Roster on page 7**
- Mon 27 Sept **RCMM Club meeting** - District Governor, Bill Degnan visit

OUR COMMUNITY & CLUB SUPPORTERS, TO WHOM WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL



Vale Martin Lowe

Sadly this week we have lost one of our respected members in Past President Martin Lowe who has passed away following a period of ill health. The Club conveys its deepest sympathy to his wife Sue and family.

Martin joined our club in 1997 being introduced as a sailing friend of then member Geoff Spencer. Martin a research scientist with the CSIRO quickly involved himself on our International Service Committee and served as International Director 1999-00-01. During this time he was counsellor to our exchange student Christina Dahlberg from Sweden where Marty and wife Sue had lived for a period and the club hosted Group Study Exchange teams from the UK and India. He was our treasurer for three terms 2003-2006, he served as Sgt@Arms and as Programs Chair before becoming our President for 2010-11 with the Rotary theme of "Building Communities Bridging Continents".

This was a year that saw and Martin as our President leading the Club in hosting the "SHEPPOneOne" District Conference at Shepparton on behalf of DG David Piper. A year where Tom O'Toole the Beechworth Baker addressed our Business Dinner, Steve Daly was selected to lead a Group Study Exchange Team to Finland, the club commenced funding the education for former ROMAC patient Hedah Silih from PNG, and participating in a Matching District Grant program to assist girls education and literacy in India. A busy and very successful year for our club.

Many of us will remember Martin's talk in 1997 of the journey he and Sue took to visit remote Banaba Island (formerly the phosphate mined Ocean Island) in the Central Pacific Ocean where Sue had grown up. This ultimately led to our club arranging a parcel of much needed and appreciated medical equipment and educational books for the native community of 300 living on Banaba Island.

Martin had a passion for youth and their education and this was recognised by his appointment as an Associate Professor at Swinburne University. In 2001 he led our club's Junior Community Awards program at Osborne Primary School. A program that he ran for many years. He later took a keen interest in the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF), promoting numerous candidates from our club and later on becoming the District 9820 NYSF Chair for a number of years.

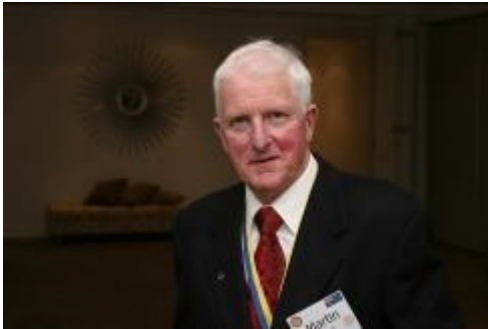
Martin was the second Mt Martha Rotarian to serve as District 9820 NYSF Chair, a role he held from 2011 to 2017. As District Chair he oversaw the selection of over 300 students. Many of whom came back in later years to serve on the NYSF committee and student selection panels. He travelled to Canberra to participate in the NYSF as a Rotary helper. Many students benefited from their time with Martin who was able to share his experience as a practicing research scientist in LASER research. I (Steve Daly) had the privilege to listen to him explain to a group of students how his research team was able to create an environment close to absolute zero temperature (-273 degrees Celsius) by trapping individual atoms and particles and rendering them motionless by the use of very precise lasers, displaying his ability to explain complex concepts to students.

A passionate gentleman respected by all.

Sue is happy to receive cards at her home address 51 Scarborough Drive Patterson Lakes 3197

Editor's note - Thank you to Roger Annear and Steve Daly for this tribute to Martin. I have received many photos of Martin this week (mainly from Colin Stokes and Peter Rawlings and have included all of them on the next page.

Vale Martin Lowe



RCMM Changeover 2009



Junior Community Awards 2010



RCMM Christmas Party 2010



RCMM Changeover 2011



**Bendigo Conference 2014
Chinese Theme Night**



RCMM Changeover 2017



A visit to Santa Teresa in 2017 by the Lowe, Cummins and Stokes family following RCMM having previously sending books to the school and funding sound equipment to assist aboriginal children with hearing difficulties. A little fun in the Alice Springs Caravan Park as well on that trip as well with a sing a long with Roger Skipsey's cousin.



Photo to the left is RCMM members including Martin working at Mornington Park Primary School and on the right is Martin at an RCMM club meeting in July 2017 wearing his PHF regalia.





STAY HOME, but what happens when you don't have a home?

Tonight, more than 118,000 Australians are experiencing homelessness. 42% are under the age of 25.

START FUNDRAISING

SUPPORT A FRIEND

This year's SLEEP IN YOUR CAR fundraiser is once again a "Virtual" Event.



See how many RCMM members you can spot in this video taken 2 years ago!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HP1KY-lbU7k>

It's that time again.

Rise to the challenge where many have gone before!
 Promote the event among families and friends.
 Get them involved and/or sponsor you.
 Sleep in your car, tent, shed or wherever!

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Remember Last Year???

2020 Champion Pat Morton



All dressed and ready to go! Pat Morton is ready for a 'rough' night of sleep in her car.

Rough night warms the heart

ROTARIANS sleep in their cars, tents, sheds, or on couches to help the homeless on the Mornington Peninsula for one night last week.

Mount Martha Rotary club president Roger Stacey said transactions topped \$100,000 to support Mount Martha Peninsula's annual Sleep In Your Car event. The experience on Saturday 7 August gave them an insight into what it means to be homeless.

The Rotary community did the event by sleeping in tents and setting a barbecue in Mornington

Park last year, because of coronavirus restrictions, they held a "virtual" sleep-out which raised \$1000. This amount will be added to the \$25,555 Rotary's annual event has already raised.

The cause is urgent: On one given night, 16,421 people are housed in homeless. About 42 per cent are aged under 25.

The Sleep in Your Car event was held in the lead up to Homelessness Week (2-8 August) which is now in its sixth year.

It's that time again.

It's easy to donate/sponsor \$20 (or more!)

Transfer Direct to "RCMM Projects a/c" BSB 633-000 Acct 128102126 Ref: Your name SIYC Come on ... get those sponsorships coming in!



Rotary  INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
27-31 MAY 2023
MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

July 2021



Message from the Melbourne HOC Chair – Mary Barry

As you are aware Melbourne will host the 2023 International Convention.

While the official promotion program for the Convention will not commence until after the 2022 Convention in Houston, this newsletter will help to keep you up to date on relevant information about the Convention and the work of the Host Organising Committee (HOC).

Membership of the HOC includes 14 Rotarians from all Victorian Districts and two representatives from the Melbourne Convention Bureau .

Please see a copy of the HOC structure (below) for further details.

HOC RESPONSIBILITIES FOR 2023 CONVENTION

The Host Organization Committee (HOC) is a group of Rotarians from the host district(s) who support the success of the convention by fulfilling specific responsibilities. Key responsibilities include:

- Serve as a welcoming committee
- Recruit and manage a volunteer force
- Promote the convention to host districts
- Liaise between key local contacts and RI
- Organise Host Hospitality event
- Identify potential sponsors
- Opportunities for associated tourism & Merchandise Sales

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

Recruitment of volunteers for various roles during the Convention will commence in the next few months. Clubs will be notified about the different roles required from greeting delegates at the airport to ushers and booth crew at the House of Friendship during the Convention. HOC volunteers may be Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, Exchange students and alumni as well as people from community service groups and relatives, or friends of the above.

HOST HOSPITALITY

Host Hospitality, an RI Convention tradition where delegates are given a memorable evening of hospitality, local culture and international fellowship in the home of a Rotarian, a restaurant or larger venue in the host area is a key responsibility of the HOC. A number of venues and opportunities are currently being considered by the HOC. Over the coming months the HOC will be seeking Host Clubs for the larger events and host families for the home hosting component.

Next Steps

The International Convention Committee (ICC) chaired by Francesco Arezzo who is a PDG of District 2110 - Sicily & Malta and RI Board Director representing Rotarians in Italy and France, for the period 2018-2020, will hold its first meeting at the end of August. Following that meeting further details regarding volunteers and other Club support will be made available.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE ROSTERS

BUNNINGS BBQ'S FOR MAY, JUNE & JULY 2021

8 to 11am

11am to 2pm

2pm to 5pm

The 1st named Member on each shift is the Team Leader

Saturday 28th August 2021

Wayne Jenkins
Gordon Morriss
Byron Groves
David Wheeler
Tom Barrett
Mary McIntyre

Rob Davies
John Waterhouse
Peter Rawlings
Roger Annear
Carol Allen
Anne Shaw

Bill Cummins
Bill Ewing
Barrie Sweeney
Tom Goulding
Ray Martin
Bernard Butler

Saturday 25th September 2021

Wayne Jenkins
Tom Barrett
Peter Warren
Bill Ewing
Steve Daly
Roger Annear

Merv Williams
Carol Allen
Bruce Ranken
Bernard Butler
Anne Shaw
Roger Annear

Bill Cummins
Rob Davies
Tom Goulding
Jonathan Mayne
Greg Buchanan
Pat Morton

BENTONS SQUARE SHOPPING CENTRE BBQ FOR SATURDAY 21ST AUGUST 2021

8am to 12noon

Wayne Jenkins
Phyl Scales
Bill Ewing
Steve Daly

12noon to 4pm

Bill Cummins
Tom Goulding
Peter Warren
Roger Annear

RCMM SATURDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE (COMMENCE 9AM AND FINISH ABOUT 1PM)

14th August	Carol Allen	MMH Community Garden	MMH Community Garden
28th August	Valerie Lyons	Bruce Ranken	Jonathan Mayne
11th September	Bill Cummins	Merv Williams	Rob Davies
25th September	Peter Rawlings	Byron Groves	Ray Martin
9th October	David Wheeler	Wayne Norris	Pat Morton
23rd October	Tom Goulding	John Waterhouse	Steve Daly
6th November	Mary McIntyre	MMH Community Garden	MMH Community Garden
20th November	Paul Clark	Colin Stokes	Gordon Morriss
4th December	Peter Warren	Roger Annear	Byron Groves
18th December	Merv Williams	Bill Ewing	Valerie Lyons

For those who have missed our “funnies” they are back again for a few weeks thanks to Phyl Scales

THIS WEEK'S BEST PUNS

- I tried to catch some fog. I mist.
- When chemists die, they barium.
- Jokes about German sausages are the wurst.
- A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
- I was addicted to the Hokey Pokey, but I turned myself around.
- PMS jokes aren't funny. Period.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- Broken pencils are pointless.



Ikea job interview



LANCE IS A VERY UNCOMMON NAME NOWADAYS

